

Activity:	Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures
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Activity Summary

Program Component	2003 Enacted	2004 Estimate	FY 2005			Change From 2004 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures	29,805	32,592	0	-2,592	30,000	-2,592
Total Requirements	29,805	32,592	0	-2,592	30,000	-2,592

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 470 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

FY 2005 Base Program Overview

Save America's Treasures funding is used to support projects to preserve irreplaceable monuments of American heritage for future generations, and to make them more accessible to scholars and the public through exhibits, traditional publications, and Internet websites. Projects include preservation of historic buildings, districts, archeological sites, papers, books, records, films, works of art, sculpture, statues or any other intellectual expression representing the significant achievement of American culture. These projects may feature conservation of individual historical and museum objects; collections of American paintings or photographs; the writings of a famous American author, playwright, or songwriter; individual historic buildings, or archeological sites of national significance.

Grants are administered by the National Park Service along with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Program features:

- Grants awarded competitively
- 50:50 matching share requirement
- Each project eligible only for one-time funding from this program
- Qualification standards – projects must:
 - ✓ Be of national significance
 - ✓ Achieve a significant effect in preserving the resource
 - ✓ Be endangered or demonstrate urgent need
 - ✓ Be proposed by an organization that has shown a capability to successfully complete the project in a cost-effective and professional manner; Federal agencies may participate

Program accomplishments to date (totals from FY 1999 through FY 2003):

- 1,748 grant applications received (total of \$773 million requested)
- 600 grants awarded totaling \$187.5 million (293 earmarked projects; 307 competitive grants)
- 70% for historic structure repairs; 30% museum collection or archives conservation
- Largest award: \$3 million to preserve the Star Spangled Banner
- All States have received at least one Save America's Treasures grant

Performance summary tables are found at the end of this activity.

- ① Find more information online about Save America's Treasures grants, including details of individual awards, at www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures

FY 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments

- \$29.8 million appropriated
- 452 applications received requesting \$169 million
- 125 grants in 44 states awarded
 - ✓ \$14.9 million in Congressional earmarks for 62 projects in 33 States
 - ✓ \$14.9 million competitively awarded for 63 projects in 29 states and the District of Columbia
- 450+ previously awarded grants remain active

The following examples illustrate the broad scope of the Save America's Treasures program achieved in fiscal year 2003:

Works of Art: During the early 20th century, Florence Griswold operated a boarding house in Old Lyme, Connecticut that became the center of American Impressionism and home to notable artists such as Childe Hassam and Henry Ward Ranger. The boarders painted more than 40 paintings on door and wall panels throughout the house. This grant of \$150,000 will support the installation of a climate control system to preserve these paintings.

Collections: The Country Music Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee holds a collection of over 14,000 transcriptions from the 1930s to the 1960s. It was originally created as temporary recordings intended to be played only a few times. Many of the recordings, such as live *Grand Ole Opry* NBC Network Radio Broadcasts of noted country music performers, are duplicated nowhere else. The \$214,000 grant will support preservation and conservation treatments to address the physical deterioration of the collection due to age and previous improper storage.

Buildings: A grant of \$250,000 to the Navajo Nation will repair a leaky roof that threatens the Navajo National Council Chamber and its murals in Window Rock, Arizona. The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed this building in 1935.

Structures: Frederick Law Olmsted's and Calvert Vaux's 1869 design for Riverside, Illinois, now a National Historic Landmark District, made it the first community in the country to integrate open spaces and park land into the urban environment. This \$275,000 grant will restore masonry and water damage to the Gothic Revival Water Tower designed by William LeBaron Jenney, which served both aesthetic and practical functions.

Artifacts: The Locomotive Collection of the B & O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, Maryland contains one of the premier railroading collections in the world. Rare surviving examples of locomotives that changed the railroad industry and the North American landscape highlight the collection. This grant of \$500,000 will assist with restoring eight locomotives damaged by the February 2003 collapse of half of the Roundhouse roof under the weight of more than two feet of snow.

FY 2004 Planned Program Performance

NPS anticipates that it will award approximately 165 Save America's Treasures grants or Interagency Agreements to preserve nationally significant properties and collections, and continue to administer over 450 previously awarded grants.

Justification of FY 2005 Budget Request for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

Request Component	Amount
FY 2004 Budget Estimate	32,592
Programmatic Changes	
Save America's Treasures	-2,592
TOTAL, Program Changes	-2,592
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2005 Budget Request	30,000
Net Change	-2,592

Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures: -\$2.592 million

The Administration is proposing Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures at \$30.0 million, the same level as last year. This would increase competitively awarded grants from \$15.0 million to \$30.0 million and decrease earmarked funding from \$17.592 million to zero.